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1. Between 1 and 8 September 1953, the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne in Dresden was occupied by an estimated 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including about 50 percent with motor transport insignia. On 1 and 2 September, 1 P-34/8; tank engaged in driving practice and about 20 soldiers engaged in aiming practice with carbines were seen in the training area. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the barracks installation [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Armored scout car was also observed. 1

2. Between 1 and 3 September, the barracks installation in Uebigau was occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, 150 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets and 150 soldiers who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. Lieutenant Colonel Kerenski (fnu) was allegedly still commanding officer. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified in traffic to the installation. 2

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3. On 3 September, about 70 soldiers doing entrenching work and 12 sidecar motorcycles engaged in driving practice were seen in the training area of the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne. The about 70 soldiers were later relieved by 30 other soldiers who had been trained in map reading. At 6:30 p.m. on 10 September, two tank trucks and 14 trucks [REDACTED]

- entered the Wilder Mann installation. The trucks carried light engineer construction equipment, luggage, ammunition and about 80 soldiers. 1

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4. Between 4 and 10 September, the eastern section of the Grenadier Kaserne 101 was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The troops included about 100 uniformed women. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were identified in traffic to the installation. The western section of the Grenadier Kaserne 101 was occupied by about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 and 9 September, a major general who was most of the time accompanied by a colonel, was seen coming from Radeberger Strasse. In the afternoon, about 35 officers of all ranks were seen between the barracks installation and Radeberger Strasse.

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Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the installation [redacted]

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5. Between 5 and 10 September, the Napola appeared to have been occupied to capacity. Observed were soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets, and black-bordered crimson epaulets including some with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. At 8 a.m. on 5 September, about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying carbines and spades marched from the installation to the training grounds west of the Klotzsche Lange-brueck road. The troops were later seen in the training area, engaged in throwing hand grenades, map and compass reading and defense exercises.⁴

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Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in traffic to the Napola [redacted]

6. Between 5 and 10 September, the Hermann Goering Kaserne quartered an estimated 3,500 troops who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets. [redacted] the front section of the installation housed a motor transport course and the rear section an air force unit. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed.

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7. On 30 August, craftsmen were observed in one section of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, while 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 other soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the other section of the installation. On 7 September, a captain and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying rifles marched into the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified at the installation.⁶

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8. Between 28 August and 19 September, the barracks installation at Weixdorf was still occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 100 to 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Troops observed training in the wooded area opposite the barracks installation between 5 and 6 p.m. on 10 September included 1 senior lieutenant and 3 groups each of 8 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in practice attacks, 1 NCO and 24 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets at rifle drill, 1 lieutenant and 15 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets at close-combat practice and about 30 soldiers at callisthenics.⁷

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9. At 6:15 a.m. on 11 September, about 150 soldiers were engaged in athletic exercises in the area of the Hermann Goering Kaserne, and about 80 soldiers in the area of the Napola. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in traffic to the Hermann Goering Kaserne. On 10 September, trucks [redacted] carrying furniture and several soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets came from the direction of Koenigsbrueck. The trucks belonged to the MJ Kaserne on Marienplatz.⁸

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10. Between 10 and 20 September, the barracks installation in Uebigau was apparently occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. About 30 soldiers engaged in close-combat practice and an undetermined number of other soldiers did entrenching work. 2

11. On 17 September, troops practiced aiming and loading with the 6 x 85-mm AA guns in the AAA emplacement in the Elbe River bend between Washington Strasse and Scharfenberger Strasse. Each gun was operated by a crew of 8 to 10 men. The guns were covered on 20 September. Four sentries, including one with field glasses were seen in the emplacement.

12. On 12 September, the AAA emplacement at the Japanische Palais was occupied by 4 AA guns, presumably of 37 mm caliber. Each gun was guarded by a sentry, while the whole emplacement was guarded by 4 perimeter guards. 9

1. Comment. The occupation strength of the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne has remained constant since late June 1953. Among other units, a motorcycle battalion is assumed stationed there. It could not yet be determined whether the battalion belongs to the First Gds Mecz Army or to the 11th Gds Tank Div.

2. Comment. the units of the First Gds Mecz Army, presumably the unidentified engineer regiment, stationed there were again in the barracks installation in Uebigau in mid-September.

3. Comment. From the observations it can be inferred that the Hq First Gds Mecz Army was stationed in the barracks installation from 4 to 10 September. On 9, 10 and 16 September daily shipments from the area of Rathenow-Genthin arrived in Dresden, coming from the command-post exercise. There were presumably only small headquarters elements of the army headquarters involved in the command post exercise, in addition to the army signal units.

4. Comment. the bulk of the units of the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed in these barracks installations was at the post in September 1953.

6. Comment. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne is assumed to quarter a signal unit of the First Gds Mecz Army. The unit concerned has probably been absent. See Comment 3 of the report.

7. Comment. The barracks installation in Weixdorf is still assumed to quarter an MVD unit and an air force unit.

8. Comment. The occupation of the MG Kaserne is not known. Soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were also observed there.

9. Comment. The AAA emplacements are known.

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